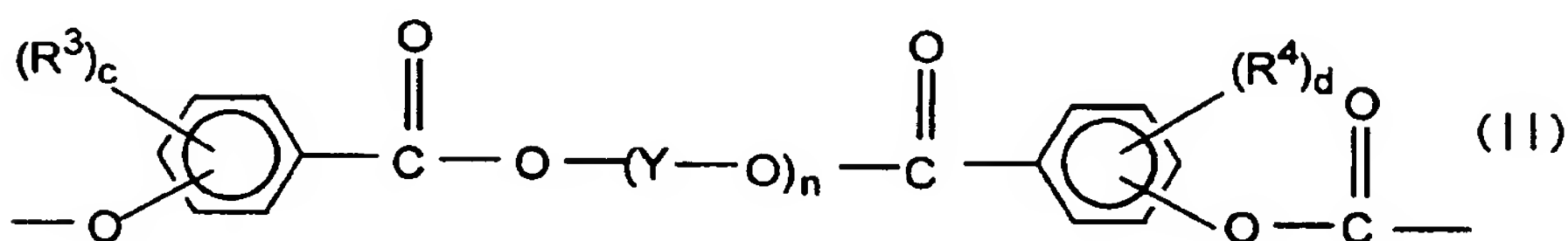
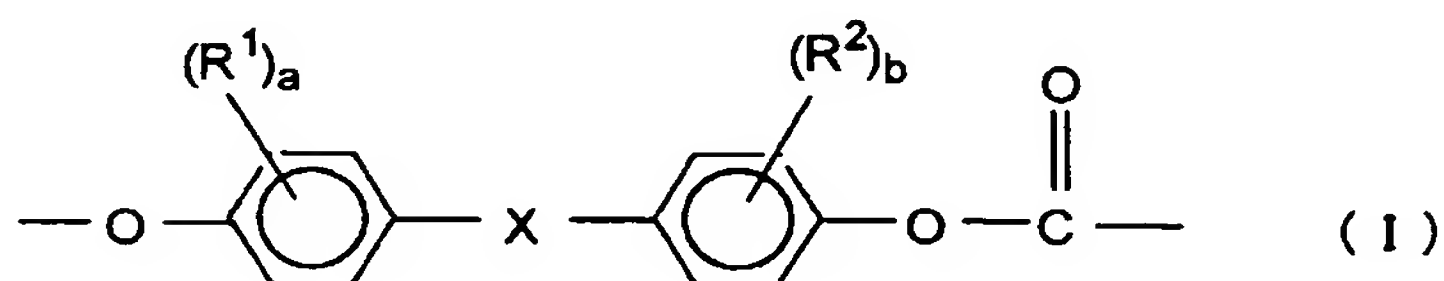


IN THE CLAIMS

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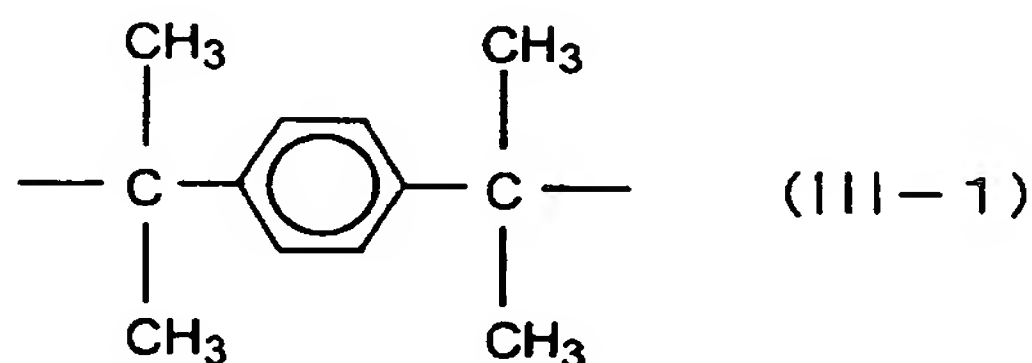
Claim 1 (Original): A method for producing a polycarbonate copolymer through interfacial polymerization, the copolymer having structural repeating units represented by formulas (I) and (II):

[F1]



(wherein each of R^1 and R^2 represents a C1 to C6 alkyl group; X represents a single bond, a C1 to C8 alkylene group, a C2 to C8 alkylidene group, a C5 to C15 cycloalkylene group, a C5 to C15 cycloalkylidene group, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -O-, -CO-, or a bond represented by formula (III-1) or (III-2):

[F2]



; each of R^3 and R^4 represents a C1 to C3 alkyl group; Y represents a C2 to C15 linear-chain or branched alkylene group; a to d are integers of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 2 to 450),

characterized in that a phenol-modified diol having a hydroxybenzoic acid content of 500 ppm by mass or less is employed as a starting material.

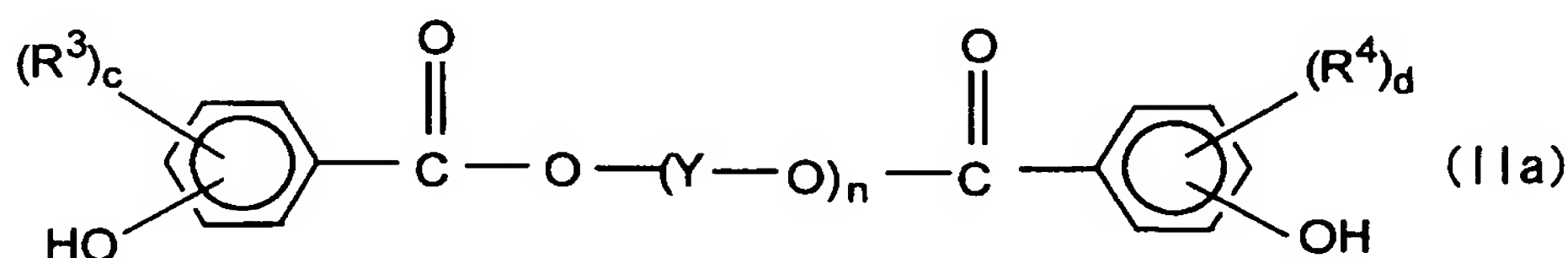
Claim 2 (Original): A method for producing a polycarbonate copolymer as described in claim 1, wherein the phenol-modified diol has a hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester content of 1.0 mass% or less.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polycarbonate copolymer as described in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the hydroxybenzoic acid is p-hydroxybenzoic acid.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polycarbonate copolymer as described in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein the hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester is a p-hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester.

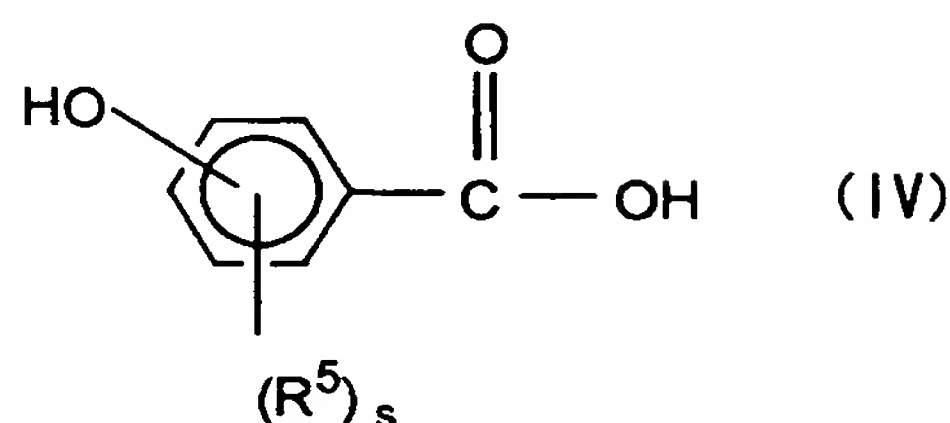
Claim 5 (Original): A comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin represented by formula (IIa):

[F3]



(wherein each of R^3 and R^4 represents a C1 to C3 alkyl group; Y represents a C2 to C15 linear-chain or branched alkylene group; c and d are integers of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 2 to 450), characterized in that the amount of a hydroxybenzoic acid acting as an impurity and represented by formula (IV):

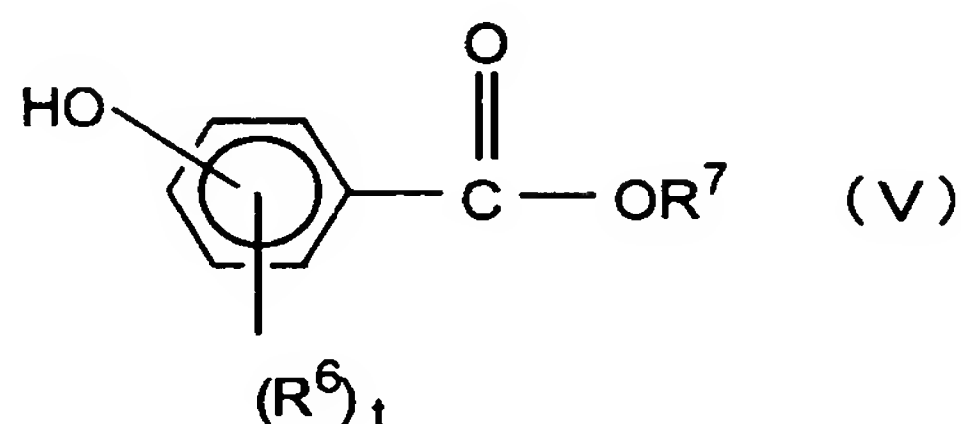
[F4]



(wherein R^5 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group, and s is an integer of 0 to 4) is 500 ppm by mass or less.

Claim 6 (Original): A comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin as described in claim 1, in which the amount of a hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester acting as an impurity and represented by formula (V):

[F5]

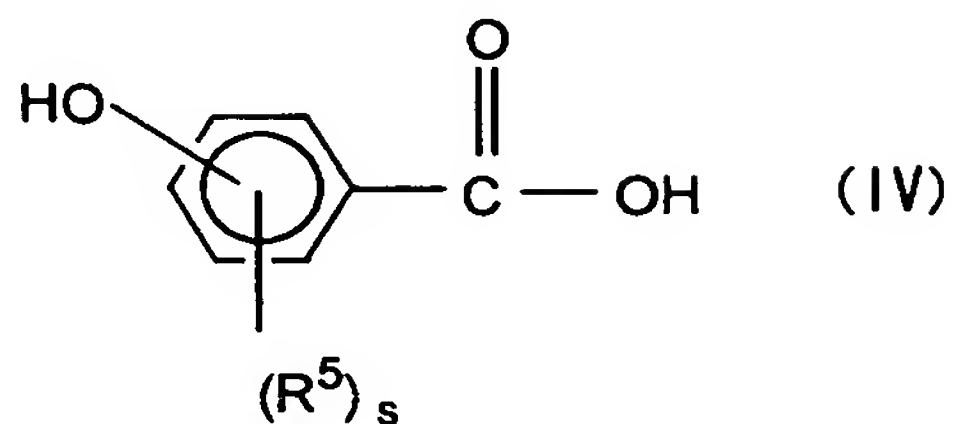


(wherein R^6 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group; R^7 is a C1 to C10 alkyl group; and t is an integer of 0 to 4) is 1.0 mass% or less.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin as described in claim 5 or 6, wherein n in formula (IIa) is 2 to 200.

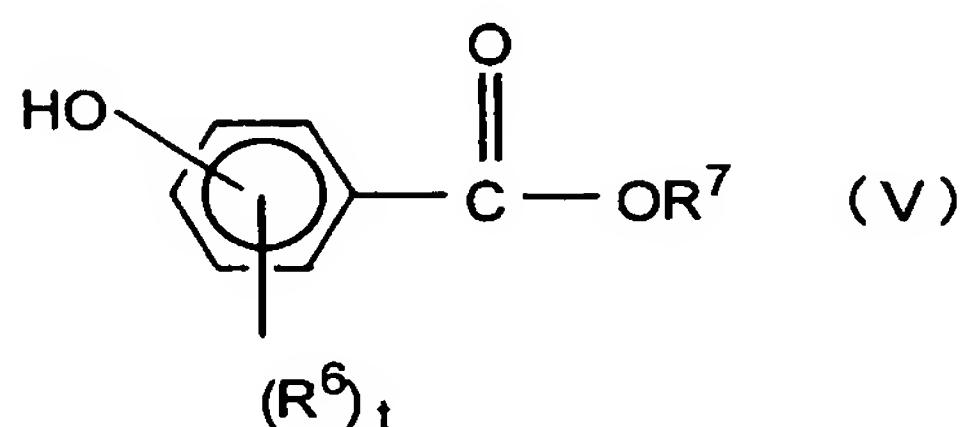
Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin as described in ~~any of claims~~ claim 5 ~~to 7~~, which is produced through esterification between a poly(alkylene ether glycol) and a hydroxybenzoic acid represented by formula (IV):

[F6]



(wherein R^5 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group, and s is an integer of 0 to 4) or a hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester represented by formula (V):

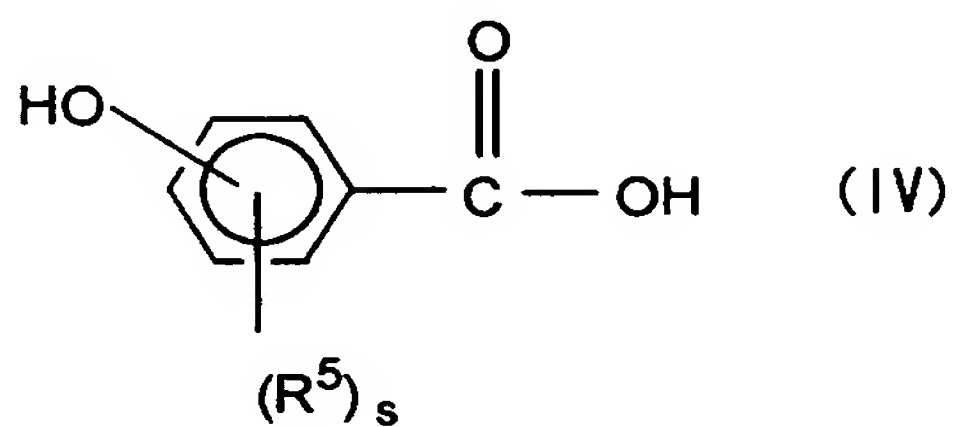
[F7]



(wherein R^6 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group; R^7 is a C1 to C10 alkyl group; and t is an integer of 0 to 4).

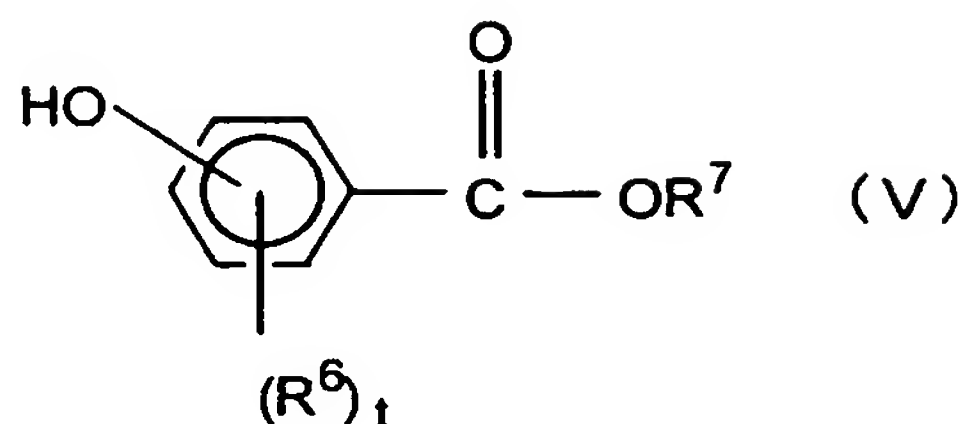
Claim 9 (Original): A method for producing a comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin, characterized by comprising esterifying between a poly(alkylene ether glycol) and a hydroxybenzoic acid represented by formula (IV):

[F8]



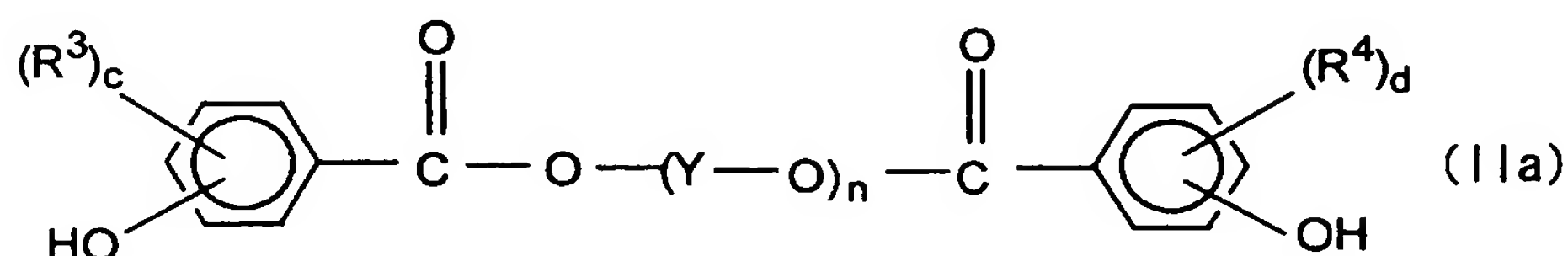
(wherein R^5 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group, and s is an integer of 0 to 4) or a hydroxybenzoic acid alkyl ester represented by formula (V):

[F9]



(wherein R^6 is a C1 to C3 alkyl group; R^7 is a C1 to C10 alkyl group; and t is an integer of 0 to 4), to thereby yield a reaction mixture containing a compound represented by formula (IIa):

[F10]



(wherein each of R^3 and R^4 represents a C1 to C3 alkyl group; Y represents a C2 to C15 linear-chain or branched alkylene group; c and d are integers of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 2 to 450), and, subsequently, treating the reaction mixture with an aqueous alkaline solution.

Claim 10 (Original): A method for producing a comonomer for producing a polycarbonate resin as described in claim 9, wherein the aqueous alkaline solution has a pH of 8 to 11.